

Approved Minutes
Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
7:30 p.m.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Deloris Cass	_____	_____ <u>X</u> _____
Joseph Ruth	_____ <u>X</u> _____	_____
Rita Zito	_____ <u>X</u> _____	_____ (arrived at 7:33p.m.)
Tom Davis	_____ <u>X</u> _____	_____
Doris Davis	_____ <u>X</u> _____	_____
Mary Cook	_____ <u>X</u> _____	_____
Arthur Eaton	_____ <u>X</u> _____	_____
Seth Gomoljak	_____ <u>X</u> _____	_____

Also Present:

Bob Stumpff, Public Works Director; Julie Beavers, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Review and approval of January, 2014 Minutes

Correction: Mr. Eaton was misspelled in the Members list as well as on page 2 under Photography.

Correction under Gifts: Ms. Zito created 60 packs of Tulips.

Correction under New Business: Tom BARRETT ~~Barren~~

Ms. Davis motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 6-0-0**

2. Discussion of May Memorial Day Ceremony

- Speaker – Mary

Ms. Cook would like to ask former mayor Anna Owens to say a few words about Amelia Murdoch. If she is unable to attend due to the heat then she could still write a few words and then have Mayor Fellows read the letter.

The Committee will work on recognizing Winston Hazard's passing as well.

Mr. Ruth suggested displaying a picture of both Ms. Murdoch and Mr. Hazard at the Memorial Day event. Mr. Davis will research where to get the pictures.

For the speaker- Ms. Cook would like to find someone who lost a loved one in defense of this country.

Mr. Stumpff will give Ms. Cook contact information for the University of Maryland ROTC to see if they know of someone who lost a loved one.

- Music – Mary

The Six Degree Singers has not confirmed performing at the event but will get back to Ms. Cook within the next few days. Mrs. Davis will ask her neighbor who is a Director of Music at University of Maryland-Baltimore if he could get a musical group from that university to perform.

- Gifts – Rita

The bookmarks will be the only gifts for the event.

- Luncheon – Tom

Mr. Ruth stated that many were displeased with the chili at the Veteran's Day luncheon.

A suggestion for the Memorial Day Event is BBQ, coleslaw, potato chips, cake from Costco and beverages.

Mr. Ruth motioned to allocate up to \$350.00 for food for the Memorial Day luncheon. Mr. Gomoljak seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 7-0-0**

- Photography – Arthur

Mr. Eaton passed along a CD of pictures from past events to be given to Yvette Allen. He will take pictures of the Memorial Day event.

- Signs - Public Works – Bob

Ms. Cook will work on creating the new date for the signs.

Mr. Gomoljak motioned to allocated up to \$150.00 for new signs. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 7-0-0**

- Advertising – Seth/Mary

Mr. Gomoljak created an image of the Memorial street sign. He has also created a video to put on the City's cable television channel and the website.

Mr. Stumpff will work with Yvette Allen and Steve Groh about putting the video and pictures on the cable channel and website.

Mr. Gomoljak is now in charge of creating fliers (that Ms. Zito will help distribute) and putting up the signs. He will add a note to the flier asking attendees to bring pictures of their deceased veterans and a note to include name, rank and company. Committee members will bring a few pictures to Mr. Gomoljak and he will add them to the video.

- Monument – Bob

The monument will be cleaned and flowers planted before the Memorial Day event. Mr. Stumpff will look into planting a tree in honor of Amelia Murdoch on Earth Day or Arbor Day near the memorial.

- Flowers – Rita

Ms. Zito stated the spring planting will be a “true red” flower that Deputy Director of Public Works, Brenda Alexander, has chosen. Ms. Zito will ask the Boy Scouts to help with the planting.

- Pictures-

Ms. Davis will be in charge of the display of military pictures.

- Attick Towers and Spellman House-

Ms. Cook asked to have some committee members meet with residents of both retirement homes to encourage them to come to the Memorial Day event. Ms. Zito, Ms. Davis and Mr. Eaton will go to both residences. Ms. Davis will contact Angie about having the Committee outreach to the residents of both buildings.

Peggy Higgins, Director of Youth and Family Services, is the person to discuss using the City Bus service to transport the residents to the event.

3. Old Business

No Old Business

4. New Business

- Letter to Council

Ms. Cook will have to make a presentation for the council review of all boards and committees in the upcoming months. She would like to have someone from the Committee to come to the council meeting with her.

- Next meeting at Davis Hall

The Committee will look into having the next meeting at Davis Hall.

5. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Zito motioned to adjourn. Mr. Davis seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion 7-0-0**

Minutes prepared by: Julie Beavers, Contract Secretary